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## **BLUE GRASS STAKES WINNER ART COLLECTOR LEADS SEVERAL DERBY PROBABLES ON SATURDAY WORK TAB AT CHURCHILL DOWNS**

**LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Saturday, Aug. 1, 2020)** – On a soggy Saturday morning at Churchill Downs, several likely contenders for the \$3 million Kentucky Derby presented by Woodford Reserve (Grade I) and \$1.25 million Longines Kentucky Oaks (GI) recorded published workouts over the “muddy” going, including **Bruce Lundsford’s** Blue Grass Stakes (GII) winner **Art Collector** (four furlongs in :48.80) and **Peter Callahan’s** multiple graded stakes-winning filly **Swiss Skydiver** (five furlongs, 1:01).

Other possible Kentucky Derby contenders that recorded breezes on Saturday were **John Oxley’s** \$200,000 Lecomte (GIII) hero **Enforceable** (five furlongs, 1:02.60); **Lloyd Madison Farm’s** \$300,000 Indiana Derby (GIII) runner-up **Major Fed** (four furlongs, :50.20); and **Jackie Rojas, Wayne Scherr** and **Raymond Daniels’** likely \$200,000 Ellis Park Derby contender **Necker Island** (four furlongs, :47.80).

It was a busy morning for jockey **Brian Hernandez Jr.**, who worked both Swiss Skydiver and Art Collector. Hernandez got the leg up on Swiss Skydiver around 5:30 a.m. (all times Eastern) and the filly worked through fractions of :13.40, :26.40 and :38.20. She finished her workout with a six-furlong gallop out in 1:14.20, according to Churchill Downs clocker **John Nichols**.

“She worked really good and handled the muddy surface well,” Hernandez said. “She’s a very talented filly as we saw in the Blue Grass how well she handled running against the boys. She cruised along out there this morning.”

Trainer **Kenny McPeck** reported that Swiss Skydiver would ship to Saratoga and run in the \$600,000 Alabama (GI) on Saturday, Aug. 15. Although a moot point in the case of Swiss Skydiver, who is automatically qualified for the Kentucky Oaks with 350 points, the Alabama will offer the Top 4 finishers points on a 100-40-20-10 scale for the Sept. 4 event.

About two hours later, Hernandez jumped aboard \$600,000 Blue Grass Stakes hero Art Collector, who clipped through opening fractions of :12.80 and :24.60 for his half-mile drill. The son of Bernardini galloped out five furlongs in 1:01.20 and six furlongs in 1:14.80.

“It’s so nice to have a horse who is versatile and can really run over any surface,” trainer **Tommy Drury** said. “He did everything very easily this morning and it was really just a perfect work. We are still taking things one day at a time. We just have to get there and we’re keeping our fingers crossed.”

Drury reported the plan is to still point to next Sunday’s Ellis Park Derby as Art Collector’s final prep for the first Saturday in September.

One of the first horses to record a workout this morning at Churchill Downs was Enforceable. Sporting blinkers, which he’s worn since breaking his maiden last August, the striking gray son of Tapit worked in company on the outside of 3-year-old maiden **Ghost Fighter**. Enforceable, under jockey **Declan Carroll**, started about two lengths behind his stablemate and worked through fractions of :12.80, :25.60 and :38.40. Enforceable finished about a half-length to the good at the wire but continued in front through a six-furlong gallop out of 1:15.80 and finished his work with a seven-furlong time of 1:29.60.

“I was very happy with how he worked this morning,” said 21-year-old Carroll, whose father, **David**, oversees trainer **Mark Casse’s** Churchill Downs string. “He did everything in stride. I was just the pilot.”

Casse was not in town for the work but reported via text following watching a short video of his stretch run, “I really like what I’m seeing.”

About five minutes after Enforceable completed his work, Major Fed recorded his first published move since running second in the July 8 Indiana Derby. Under exercise rider **Lindsey Hebert**, Major Fed swiftly began his breeze at the three-eighths pole with opening fractions of :12.60 and :37.60. The son of Ghostzapper continued his work around the clubhouse turn and completed a six-furlong gallop out in 1:03.60.

“We gave him a little time off following the Indiana Derby but he’s been training pretty steady for a couple of weeks now,” trainer **Greg Foley** said. “This was his first work back and he handled things very well. It wasn’t one of those works where he needed to do much and he looked really comfortable out there.”

Major Fed, who sat No. 16 on the Road to the Kentucky Derby Leaderboard with 38 points prior to Saturday’s action in the \$100,000 Shared Belief (GII) at Del Mar, will forgo running in the Ellis Park Derby and point straight to the Kentucky Derby.

Currently No. 32 on the leaderboard, Indiana Derby fourth-place finisher and former \$100,000 claim Necker Island worked at 7:30 a.m. under **Joe Johnson** for trainer **Chris Hartman**.

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There are four races remaining on the Road to the Kentucky Derby: Saturday's Shared Belief (50-20-10-5); Aug. 8 Travers (100-40-20-10); Aug. 9 Ellis Park Derby (50-20-10-5); and Aug. 15 Pegasus (20-8-4-2). On the Road to the Kentucky Oaks, there are three remaining races: Saturday's Monmouth Oaks (50-20-10-5); Aug. 9 Audubon Oaks (10-4-2-1); and Aug. 15 Alabama (100-40-20-10). For the latest leaderboard updates and more information, visit [www.kentuckyderby.com](http://www.kentuckyderby.com).

**DOWN THE STRETCH** – Indiana Derby winner **Shared Sense** is scheduled to work Sunday at Churchill Downs. The **Brad Cox**-trained colt has 20 points on the Road to the Kentucky Derby and is a likely entrant to next Sunday's Ellis Park Derby. ... Arkansas Derby (GI) runner-up **King Guillermo** continued his training Saturday at Churchill Downs. The colt had an easy gallop around 5:30 a.m.

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